

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please **CANCEL** claims 1, 4 and 7-9.

Please **ADD** new claims 10-14 in accordance with the following:

1-9. Cancelled.

10. (New) An electronic multimedia object management apparatus for managing electronic multimedia objects related to jobs performed In corporate organizations and to be distributed to the corporate organizations, comprising:

a storage unit which stores the electronic multimedia objects and a plurality of distribution target management tables corresponding to the electronic multimedia objects, each distribution target management table including attribute information comprising at least a corporate organization code and a corporate organization name corresponding to a distribution target of the corresponding electronic multimedia object;

a communication unit in communication with a plurality of enterprise department servers and a master server, each enterprise department server managing at least one corporate organization and storing job information defining a job of the at least one corporate organization, the master server storing a plurality of master tables corresponding to the enterprise department servers, each master table including master attribute information comprising at least a master corporate organization code and a master corporate organization name of the at least one corporate organization managed by the corresponding enterprise department server; and

a processing unit which, according to a predetermined cycle, for each electronic multimedia object stored in the storage unit,

reads the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table stored in the storage unit, and the master attribute information in the master tables stored in the master server through the communication unit,

compares the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name

of the read attribute information with the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

retrieves from the enterprise department server corresponding to the master corporate organization code of the read master attribute information, through the communication unit, the job information defining the job of the at least one corporate organization stored in the enterprise department server, if determined that at least one of the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information coincides with at least one of the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

determines whether the job defined by the retrieved job information coincides with a job to which the electronic multimedia object relates, and

rewrites the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table of the electronic multimedia object, if determined that the attribute information does not coincide with the master attribute information and that the retrieved job information coincides with the job to which the electronic multimedia object relates.

11. (New) The electronic multimedia object management apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising:

a memory unit configured to store the corporate organization code and a name of the attribute information in the distribution target management table read by the processing unit,

wherein the processing unit performs the rewriting according to a process comprising:

rewriting one of the corporate organization code and the name of the attribute information in the distribution target management table stored in the memory unit, if determined that one of the corporate organization code and the name of the attribute information in the distribution target management table does not coincide with one of the read master corporate organization code and a name of the master attribute information,

comparing the corporate organization code and the name stored in the memory unit with the corporate organization code and the name of the attribute information in the read distribution target management table, and

replacing one of the corporate organization code and the name of the attribute information included in the read distribution target management table, which does not coincide with one of the corporate organization code and the name stored in the memory unit, with the one of the corporate organization code and the name stored in the memory unit, such that the read attribute information in the distribution target management table coincides with the master

attribute information.

12. (New) The electronic multimedia object management apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising an electronic mail outputting unit which outputs, if any of attribute information in the distribution target management tables is rewritten, an electronic mail notifying a change in the attribute information to each corporate organization identified by the attribute information included in the rewritten distribution management table.

13. (New) A computer-readable recording medium storing a computer program for managing electronic multimedia objects related to jobs performed in corporate organizations and to be distributed to the corporate organizations, the computer program including computer executable instructions which when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform:

maintaining the electronic multimedia objects and a plurality of distribution target management tables corresponding to the electronic multimedia objects, each distribution target management table including attribute information comprising at least a corporate organization code and a corporate organization name corresponding to a distribution target of the corresponding electronic multimedia object;

accessing a plurality of master tables corresponding to enterprise department servers, each master table including master attribute information comprising at least a master corporate organization code and a master corporate organization name of at least one corporate organization managed by the corresponding enterprise department server storing job information defining a job of the at least one corporate organization; and

according to a predetermined cycle, for each electronic multimedia object stored in the storage unit,

reading the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table, and the master attribute information in the master tables,

comparing the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information with the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

retrieving from the enterprise department server corresponding to the master corporate organization code of the read master attribute information, the job information defining the job of the at least one corporate organization stored in the enterprise department server, if determined that at least one of the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information coincides with at least one of the master

corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

determining whether a job defined by the retrieved job information coincides with the job to which the electronic multimedia object relates, and

rewriting the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table of the electronic multimedia object, if determined that the attribute information does not coincide with the master attribute information and that the retrieved job information coincides with the job to which the electronic multimedia object relates.

14. (New) An electronic multimedia object management system for managing electronic multimedia objects related to jobs performed in corporate organizations and to be distributed to the corporate organizations, comprising:

an apparatus comprising:

a storage unit which stores the electronic multimedia objects and a plurality of distribution target management tables corresponding to the electronic multimedia objects, each distribution target management table including attribute information comprising at least a corporate organization code and a corporate organization name corresponding to a distribution target of the corresponding electronic multimedia object;

a communication unit; and

a processing unit;

a plurality of enterprise department servers in communication with the communication unit, each enterprise department server managing at least one corporate organization and storing job information defining a job of the at least one corporate organization; and

a master server in communication with the communication unit and storing a plurality of master tables corresponding to the enterprise department servers, each master table including master attribute information comprising at least a master corporate organization code and a master corporate organization name of the at least one corporate organization managed by the corresponding enterprise department server;

wherein the processing unit, according to a predetermined cycle, for each electronic multimedia object stored in the storage unit,

reads the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table stored in the storage unit, and the master attribute information in the master tables stored in the master server through the communication unit,

compares the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name

of the read attribute information with the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

retrieves from the enterprise department server corresponding to the master corporate organization code of the read master attribute information, through the communication unit, the job information defining the job of the at least one corporate organization stored in the enterprise department server, if determined that at least one of the corporate organization code and the corporate organization name of the read attribute information coincides with at least one of the master corporate organization code and the master corporate organization name of the read master attribute information,

determines whether a job defined by the retrieved job information coincides with the job to which the electronic multimedia object relates, and

rewrites the attribute information in the corresponding distribution target management table of the electronic multimedia object, if determined that the attribute information does not coincide with the master attribute information and that the retrieved job information coincides with the job to which the electronic multimedia object relates.